

Board Briefing December 2002

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the December 12, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Outgoing Board Members Commended

St. Tammany Parish School Board President John Lamarque recognized outgoing Board members Robert Broome (District 13), Donald Burris (District 3), and Patti Young (District 7) for their years of service to the community and education.

Veteran Supervisor Recognized

Long-time educator and Supervisor of Administration Simmie Fairley was given special recognition for more than 40 years of dedication to education and the students of St. Tammany Parish. Mr. Fairley, who has served as a classroom math teacher, an assistant principal at Salmen High School, and a Supervisor of Administration in the Central Office, is retiring from the School System in December. As an administrative supervisor he managed a variety of responsibilities, including school textbooks and furnishings, systemwide integrated pest management, and school uniform policy.

Assistant Principal for Lyon Elementary School Appointed

Jeanine H. Barnes was appointed Assistant Principal for Lyon Elementary School. Ms. Barnes most recently has served as a teacher at William Pitcher Junior High School.

Assistant Principal for Magnolia Trace Elementary School Appointed

Kathleen Katsorchis, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Bonne Ecole Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal for Magnolia Trace Elementary for the remainder of the school year. She will serve while former Assistant Principal Jeannie Turner completes sabbatical leave.

Revisions to Pupil Progression Plan Approved

The section of the 2002-2003 Public Progression Plan covering guidelines for LEAP 21 testing of nonpublic and home schooled students who transfer to the School System was approved.

Low Bids for Auditoriums at Mandeville and Northshore High Schools Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Norman H. Voelkel Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,027,000 for an auditorium at Mandeville High School was accepted. The low bid meeting plans and specifications for an auditorium at Northshore High School was submitted in the amount of \$2,094,000 by Wehrin Construction Company, Inc. The November, 2001, bond authorization is the source of funding for the two projects.

Covington High School Softball Utility Building Approved

The softball utility building at Covington High School was approved as substantially complete, subject to the

recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Accepted

An agreement between the St. Tammany Parish School Board and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office allowing the Sheriff's Office to use the former Pearl River Junior High School building, grounds, and equipment was accepted. The school closed at the end of the 2001-2002 school year, and students in the attendance area now attend the new Creekside Junior High School.